

Torrance, California
April 27, 1937

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, April 27, 1937 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being
Councilmen: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson.
Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13 and of the special meeting of April 20 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the American Legion Auxiliary, thanking the City of Torrance for the use of the Civic Auditorium for their Poppy Pageant.

Communication from the Fern Avenue School calling attention to the need for more books for their school library, and requesting an appropriation of \$500.00 to build a library.

Attorney Rippey stated that the City could not donate money to the school.

After some discussion, Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the Library Board. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from 329 Gertruda Street, Redondo Beach, asking information concerning laws covering the organization of a social club in Torrance.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Deininger, the matter was referred to the City Attorney for reply.

Letter from Los Angeles County Health Department regarding their winning of first place in a recent health departments contest.

Communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company thanking the City for constructing the curb on Border Avenue between Carson and Doble Streets.

Communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company regarding proposed acquisition by the City of Torrance of easement for highway purposes on Cabrillo Avenue, south of Carson Street.

Engineer Leonard explained that the conditions imposed in this grant are the same as those the City favored on Cabrillo north of Carson Street and on Torrance Boulevard.

After some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the question be referred to the City Attorney and the City Engineer to investigate and make recommendations at the next meeting. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Request from Micheal Straszer for permission to build a five-room house five feet from the property line of a lot at the southeast corner of Acacia and Sierra Streets.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried.

Communication from C. J. Ernst requesting rezoning of Lots 17 and 18, Block 64, Torrance Tract, to build a store and drive-in market.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this request be referred to the City Engineer and the City Attorney for investigation and report. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communication from the Division of Highways stating that the State has no objection to the placing of a reflectorized sign in Waltheria and that a requisition was already written

for same, pending request from the City of Torrance.

Engineer Leonard stated that he had requested that the requisition be forwarded.

Communication from Fire Chief Stevenson submitting the appointment of Roy E. Wilson as relief engineer during the vacation period and of Mr. Leggate as a call member. Mayor Tolson said that he had discussed this matter with the Fire Chief, and that it was decided that an extra call man was not needed, but that the relief man would be needed, the salary to be \$125.00 per month.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request for a relief fireman be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 292

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO PACIFIC ELECTRIC
RAILWAY COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS,
THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A
POWER LINE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY
ON PRAIRIE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 292 be dispensed with. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Deininger moved that Ordinance No. 292 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1102

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 1101
ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE OFFER
OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE
TO AID BY WAY OF GRANT IN FINANCING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
INCLUDING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT"

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1102 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1103

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF THE
UNITED STATES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO
AID BY WAY OF GRANT IN FINANCING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
INCLUDING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT

Councilman Deininger moved that Resolution No. 1103 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented for first reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 293

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING
THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, AND
REPEALING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 284

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 293 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the firms who are transporting garbage that this ordinance will become effective July 1, 1937. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Deininger reported that the request for an appropriation of \$350.00 for the Short Baseball League had not yet been decided upon by the Finance Committee. He suggested that the City Attorney give a written opinion as to what the City can do, and he also requested that the City Attorney give a written opinion on the fiesta proposition.

Mayor Tolson asked the City Attorney to prepare these reports for the next meeting.

Councilman McGuire asked if any reply had been received from the Los Angeles School Board regarding the playgrounds for the summer.

Mayor Tolson stated that he had talked with Mr. Trieb, who stated that the Fern Avenue playground will surely be open, and that it seemed probable that the High School playground could also be used, as well as the elementary school. Mr. Tolson said he had suggested the employment of Harry Phillips and also of W.P.A. workers, which Mr. Trieb seemed to approve.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that he had received three more requests for the removal of trees, and asked the Council to meet informally Monday, May 3rd, at 4:30 P.M., for the purpose of inspecting the trees. He also reported that the previous requests had been allowed, with the exception of two on Andreo Avenue, at which places the owners were not at home and the proper trees were not designated.

Mayor Tolson reported that a meeting was held regarding the water situation in North Torrance, and Engineer Leonard was asked to report on this meeting.

Mr. Leonard stated that several plans had been suggested, and that the consensus of opinion was that the property owners would determine how many were able to raise funds to pay for the service charge (which would amount to about \$50.00 each, provided they could get twenty consumers), and that the City would arrange for monthly payments, it being understood that the City would bear the expense of laying the pipe lines. He stated that this plan seemed to be favored above any others which were presented.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A gentleman stated that he was a member of the committee from North Torrance, and that the committee had asked him to state that for about five years that district had been paying taxes, including a tax for fire protection, but that nothing had been received in return.

Attorney Rippy stated that the City could furnish fire protection, but would have the right to make a service charge for water used for domestic purposes.

A lady stated that the County had collected taxes for fire

protection, prior to the district being annexed to Torrance, but that the taxes were returned.

Engineer Leonard stated that there was an estimate of approximately \$6000.00 for a six-inch pipe line.

Attorney Rippy stated that the Water District should not use district funds to purchase the pipe, but that the City should purchase the pipe and have it laid and then lease it to the Water District.

Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Water Department, stated that he believed that an eight-inch line should be laid. He also stated that Attorney Stevenson, of the Moneta Water Company, had said that the stockholders of the company will donate one share of stock to the City of Torrance. He also brought up the question of whether the City could make connection for the water after the pipes were laid, as the stockholders, and not the Water Company, own the pipe lines. He suggested that the City Attorney check into this matter.

Mayor Tolson requested Attorney Rippy to advise him as soon as this information is received, in order that a special meeting might be called for the purpose of deciding the question of providing water for the North Torrance district.

A gentleman who stated that he was the American Red Cross first-aid instructor for the Police and Fire Departments of the City explained the class that had been conducted and commended the policemen and firemen who had participated in the work. He requested the Council to consider the purchase of first-aid kits for the police and fire cars.

The matter was referred to the Police Commission for investigation and report.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:05 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Deininger, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bantz
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance.